

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the following, beginning at page 1, line 3:

**CROSS REFERENCE**

~~This application is a continuation-in-part (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/232,265, entitled “Drug Delivery Particle” and filed on August 30, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference.~~

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 30, line 12:

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